

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker, members, this again is on page 1880, actually, 1890, starts on 1889. This is a resolution that needs to be passed in conjunction with the court costs that were assessed by the Supreme Court. The way the statute reads is that we must, when the...if you read the whereas, the Nebraska Supreme Court, in the case of Henry v. Rocky, ruled that Legislative Bill 657, Ninety-third Legislature, First Session 1993, was unconstitutional, and that had to do with the Commonwealth payment to the Commonwealth depositors, the payment to the Commonwealth depositors. The Supreme Court ruled in this case that Mr. Henry was entitled to \$13,146.27 to apply on his attorney fees, in addition to costs, having met the conditions set out in Section 24-204.01 and I have that law here. That says that the Supreme Court, upon finding that the conditions set forth in this section exists, shall allow reasonable attorney fees and costs in such amounts and for such parties as the court shall determine. Such fees and costs shall be taxed to the Attorney General and paid out of such appropriations as the Legislature shall make for that purpose. And that is the reason for this setting out. It is already in the budget in our mainline bill, no, it's in the deficit bill and so the money is already accounted for but the law says it also must be delineated in a resolution and that's what this resolution is for, so I offer that for your voting.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I understand the legal side of this and why it has to be paid, but for me it's one more blow to a lot of people who, for 12 years, 13 years now this year, have waited in vain for a complete payment of the money that they had invested in the Commonwealth Company and it's a long history, which there's no point to go into now, but I still have a feeling for those people. Many of them have died, and if they haven't died, they've gotten really old and they have lost faith in the State of Nebraska. So many of them just feel that they have...the state let them down. No reason to rehash all that history, but the reason I vote, and I wanted you to know why I vote red, because many of you haven't been here before when we discussed Commonwealth, I vote red as a token at least to those people that they realize that I did stand for them and try to get the money and voted for any...all the legislation that's been brought. Since I've been here, in 1989, we've had at least four bills I think and this was, if you